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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR

SUBJECT: INCREASED EC PREFERENCES FOR CITRUS

REFS: A) BRUSSELS 1940; B) STATE 25799; (C)BRUSS-ELS1691

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTATION AND CLARIFICATION PROVIDED REFTEL (A). WE SEE NO DISAGREEMENT OVER BASIC POINT, WHICH IS THAT A NET INCREASE IN EC PREFERENCES ON CITRUS ALONG THE LINES PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE OF US CITRUS EXPORTERS IN THE EC AND WOULD THEREFORE BE UNACCEPTABLE. WE ARE ALSO SENSITIVE TO POLITICAL VALUE OF AVOIDING A HEAD-ON ATTACK ON THE PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD PERMIT THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY OPPOSED TO THE MEASURE TO PLACE FULL BLAME ON THE US FOR ITS FAILURE TO BE APPROVED.

2. WE DO NOT WISH AT THIS TIME TO RAISE DIRECTLY THE ISSUE OF VIOLATION OF 24:6 CONCESSION, SINCE PENDING 301 CASE CHALLENGES ENTIRE PREFERENCE SYSTEM. WE DO NOT WANT TO INDICATE THEREFORE, ACCEPTANCE OF THE PREFERENCE LEVEL EXISTING AT TIME OF 24:6 NEGOTIATION.

3. IN CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTION REF B, POSTS SHOULD REFORM-

ULATE STATEMENT OF US OPPOSITION TO SAY THAT US GOVERNMENT OBJECTS TO ANY ACTION ON CITRUS WHICH WOULD PUT US CITRUS EXPORTERS AT A FURTHER COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE IN THE EC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARKET. POSTS SHOULD ALSO STRESS THAT EC ACTION AFFECTING US COMPETITIVE POSITION WOULD PROVOKE VEHEMENT OUTBURST FROM POWERFUL US CITRUS INDUSTRY AND ITS CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORTERS, WHO WILL ARGUE BOTH THAT PREFERENCE SYSTEM IS ILLEGAL, AND THAT IN ANY CASE UNILATERAL ACTION WHICH IMPAIRED CONCESSIONS GRANTED IN 24:6 DAMAGES EC CREDIBILITY AS NEGOTIATING PARTNER. SUCH A REACTION COULD HAVE VERY SERIOUS EFFECT ON CONDUCT OF MTN. VANCE

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